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HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE ENGROSSED NO. HB 1285 - 02/03/2004

Introduced by: Representatives Nesselhuf, Cutler, Hennies, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), and Weems and Senators Sutton (Dan), Albers, and Greenfield

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to appropriate money to fund the increases in premiums for
- 2 persons with guarantee issue health plans.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That chapter 58-17 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as
- 5 follows:
- Any carrier of an in force individual health benefit plan issued in accordance with § 58-17-
- 85 prior to August 1, 2003, for which rates are established pursuant to § 58-17-75, who set and
- 8 charged a premium rate increase as authorized by § 58-17-142, shall report that premium rate
- 9 increase to the division. Only that portion of any premium rate increase attributable to the
- enactment of § 58-17-142 may be included in the report required by this section. The reported
- amount shall be paid to the carrier pursuant to section 2 of this Act. No carrier may charge the
- 12 reported amount to the insured.
- Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund, the sum of seven
- hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the
- Division of Insurance to provide to carriers the amount reported in section 1 of this Act.



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- Section 3. The director of the Division of Insurance shall approve vouchers and the state
- 2 auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized by this Act.
- 3 Section 4. Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated by
- 4 June 30, 2005, shall revert in accordance with § 4-8-21.